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--36. A plant including several apparatuses (10, 12, 14) as set forth in claim 8, connected to a central control unit (18) via a bus (16), characterized in that said apparatus models (20, 22, 24) are loadable into said control unit (18), that in said control unit (18) a software program is provided with the aid of which in using said loaded apparatus models (20', 22', 24') the operation of said plant can be simulated for testing it in including all parameters and functionalities contained in said apparatus models (20', 22', 24').--

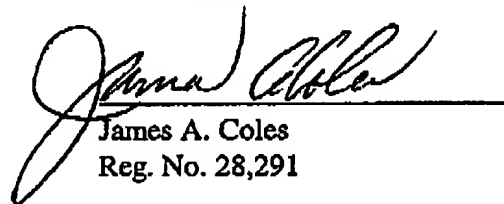
--37. A method of simulating the operation of a plant as set forth in claim 10, characterized by it comprising the steps of loading apparatus models (20', 22', 24') of said apparatuses (10, 12, 14) to be employed in said plant into said central control unit (18) and simulating the operation of said plant in including all parameters and functionalities contained in said apparatus models (20', 22', 24') by means of a software program sequenced in said control unit (18).--

#### REMARKS

With the entry of the foregoing amendment, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Consideration of the claims leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance is respectfully requested.

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